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MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Items for Discussion at PSB Informal Meeting, 14 May 1953

1. Attached is the agenda for the meeting (Tab A). Staff comments on the several items are as follows:

a. Food for the Satellites. Attached is a draft of a memorandum for the Board (Tab B) which, I understand, will be presented by George Morgan for consideration. The paper lists the lessons of the recent discussions concerning a possible gift of food to Hungary and recommends that the paper be adopted as guidance to the member agencies in the event that at any time in the future the Board should determine that a food gift offer should be made to the people of one or more of the satellite countries. During the past week at least one meeting was held at the State Department on the subject of the food gift, and I understand the PSB proposal was rejected on 7 May 1953 by the Department of State for several reasons, which are summarized in the attached Tab C.

The majority of the CIA area divisions and PP staff elements hold views which are generally in consonance with the State Department view. It is recommended, therefore, that DCI accept the PSB staff paper for the purposes given therein.

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b. Discussion of Item 2 was suggested by C. D. Jackson and George Morgan has no indication of what the content of it will be.

c. Discussion of Item 3 was also suggested by Mr. Jackson. Mr. Taylor reported that Mr. Jackson is concerned with what can be done to stimulate more and better programs in the gray field and stated that a solution would be to assign responsibility to one particular agency on a priority basis. We have been unable to discover, however, specifically what Mr. Jackson has in mind.

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